

CASE: 0828  
REFNO 0828. (REF 4)

26 August 1993

A LE NINH DISTRICT DOCUMENT WAS SHOWN TO A JOINT TEAM DURING THE 10TH JOINT FIELD ACTIVITY. AN ENTRY LISTS THE NIGHT SHOOTDOWN OF AN F-4H BY THE PHONG THUY VILLAGE GUERRILLA MILITIA ON 05 SEP 67. THIS ENTRY PROBABLY CORRELATES TO CASE 0828, WHICH INVOLVES THE LOSS OF AN F-4D ON 05 SEP 67. THIS CORRELATION IS BASED ON THE LOCATION, AIRCRAFT TYPE, DATE, AND TIME OF DAY GIVEN IN THE ENTRY. (REF 5)

5 October 1993

ON 30 AUG 93, IE1 TRAVELLED TO PHONG THUY VILLAGE, LE THUY DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 0828. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES. ONE WITNESS PROVIDED HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SEP 67 NIGHTTIME CRASH OF A U.S. AIRCRAFT. THE CREW REPORTEDLY DIED IN THE INCIDENT. THE OTHER WITNESS PROVIDED RELATED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE 1967-1968 CRASH OF A U.S. AIRCRAFT. HE REPORTEDLY DISCOVERED A FOOT AMONG THE WRECKAGE, AND SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED IT. A THIRD WITNESS WAS INTERVIEWED BY IE2. HE PROVIDED CORROBORATING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CRASH OF THE F4, AND THE SUBSEQUENT BURIAL OF A FOOT. HE WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BURIAL SITE OR POSSIBLE DISPOSITION OF OTHER REMAINS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS. THE TEAM VISITED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION HELD IN U.S. RECORDS. NO EVIDENCE OF REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS, OR AN AIRCRAFT CRASH WAS DISCOVERED. THE CRASH SITE IDENTIFIED BY THE WITNESS IS SITUATED UNDER A HOUSE AND CONCRETE WALKWAY. (REF 6)

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING  
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 13 OCTOBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0829-0-01 (ACCNO 0720)	Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED	
Name: DOWNING, DONALD WILLIAM	Date Status assigned: 28 Apr 1978	
Nationality AMERICAN	Race CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit DATA
Service AIR FORCE	Sex MALE	Blood type O +
Grade O3	Hair BROWN	Complexion FAIR
SSAN DATA	Eyes BLUE	Weapon .38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No 003040347	Height 68 in /1.73 mtrs	Weapon No K605106
Birth date 17 Apr 1934	Weight 170 lb / 77.0 kg	Duty pos ACFT CMDR
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===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE  
UTM: 48QYE021007  
Lat/Long: 171101N / 1065402E  
Country: NORTH VIETNAM  
Military Region: 4  
Mission Province: QUANG BINH  
(formerly):  
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Survivability: (3) Unknown

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Call Sign: SHARKBAIT 42	1 Serial: 420024
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REFNO: 0829-0-02 (ACCNO 1051)      Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Name: RAYMOND, PAUL DARWIN      Date Status assigned: 15 Nov 1973

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O -
Grade	O2	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	RUDDY
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	000080610	Height	69 in / 1.75 mtrs	Weapon No	K615253
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DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. 1LT RAYMOND AND CAPT DOWNING ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

25 August 1975

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=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

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=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

25 August 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: DONALD W. DOWNING., 0829-0-01, AND PAUL D.

CASE: 0829  
RAYMOND, 0829-0-02.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

25 August 1975

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7 February 1994

DURING THE 25TH JFA, A JOINT TEAM SURVEYED A CRASH SITE AT GRID YE02400098. JTF-FA ANALYSIS OF THE ITEMS RECOVERED INDICATES THE SITE CORRELATES TO A F-105 AIRCRAFT. (REF 3)



JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING  
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21 JUL 1993

CASE 0829-0-01 AND 02

NARRATIVE

ON 5 SEPTEMBER 1967, CAPTAIN DONALD W. DOWNING AND FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL D. RAYMOND WERE THE CREW ABOARD AN F-4C FIGHTER (SERIAL NUMBER 63-7547) IN A FLIGHT OF TWO AIRCRAFT ON A NIGHT ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION. DURING THE MISSION, THE OTHER CREW MEMBERS SAW A LARGE FIREBALL DESCENDING TOWARDS THE GROUND IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YE021007, APPROXIMATELY 45 KILOMETERS SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF DONG HOI AND 2 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF THUY LIEN THUONG, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. THEY IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT CAPTAIN DOWNING BUT RECEIVED NO RESPONSE. THEY ORBITED THE MISSION AREA BUT SAW NO PARACHUTES AND HEARD NO EMERGENCY BEEPER SIGNALS.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: DOWNING, DONALD WILLIAM  
RANK: CAPTAIN, U.S. AIR FORCE  
DATE OF BIRTH: 17 APRIL 1934  
RACE: CAUCASIAN  
HEIGHT: 1.73 METERS  
WEIGHT: 77.0 KILOGRAMS  
HAIR: BROWN  
EYES: BLUE

Passed to officials of the  
Vietnamese government during a  
28 Jul 93 technical meeting

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CASE 0829-0-01 AND 02

NAME: RAYMOND, PAUL DARWIN

RANK: FIRST LIEUTENANT, U.S. AIR FORCE

DATE OF BIRTH: 10 JANUARY 1943

RACE: CAUCASIAN

HEIGHT: 1.75 METERS

WEIGHT: 72.5 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BROWN

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8 June 1994

ON 27 APR AND 5 MAY 94, IE2 TRAVELLED TO THANH THUY VILLAGE, LE THUY DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE AND VINH LONG VILLAGE, VINH LINH DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE CASE 0829. THE PURPOSE OF THIS REINVESTIGATION WAS TO SURVEY TWO POSSIBLE CRASH SITE LOCATIONS. THE VNOSMP STATED THEY WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY ADDITIONAL WITNESSES WITH INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS CASE. THE TEAM SEARCHED A 500 X 500 METER AREA AT TWO POSSIBLE CRASH SITE LOCATIONS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO PERSONAL EFFECTS, CREW RELATED EQUIPMENT, REMAINS, BURIAL SITES, OR CRASH SITES COULD BE LOCATED IN EITHER AREA. THE TEAM CANVASSED LOCAL VILLAGERS FOR POSSIBLE WITNESSES WITH INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE WITH

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NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO REMAINS WERE OBTAINED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION. (REF 4)





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NARRATIVE

ON 5 SEPTEMBER 1967, CAPTAIN DONALD W. DOWNING AND FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL D. RAYMOND WERE THE CREW ABOARD AN F-4C FIGHTER (SERIAL NUMBER 63-7547) IN A FLIGHT OF TWO AIRCRAFT ON A NIGHT ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION. DURING THE MISSION, THE OTHER CREW MEMBERS SAW A LARGE FIREBALL DESCENDING TOWARDS THE GROUND IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YE021007, APPROXIMATELY 45 KILOMETERS SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF DONG HOI AND 2 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF THUY LIEN THUONG, QUANG BINH PROVINCE. THEY IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT CAPTAIN DOWNING BUT RECEIVED NO RESPONSE. THEY ORBITED THE MISSION AREA BUT SAW NO PARACHUTES AND HEARD NO EMERGENCY BEEPER SIGNALS.

ON 25 AUGUST 1993, A JOINT TEAM TRAVELED TO SEN THUY VILLAGE, LE THUY DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE THIS CASE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED MR. LE MAU VIEN WHO PROVIDED FIRSTHAND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE 1967 NIGHT TIME CRASH OF A JET AIRCRAFT. THE AIRCRAFT, ON FIRE, COMPLETELY BROKE UP UPON IMPACT. MR. VIEN DID NOT HEAR OF ANY BODIES OR PERSONAL EFFECTS BEING DISCOVERED AT THE SITE. THE TEAM VISITED THE CRASH SITE (YE02400098) AND USING A METAL DETECTOR FOUND SMALL PIECES OF METAL FRAGMENTS AND CHARRED RUBBER. SUBSEQUENT ANALYSIS OF ITEMS RECOVERED FROM THE SITE INDICATES THAT THEY DO NOT CORRELATE WITH THIS CASE. FOUR PIECES OF WRECKAGE HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH A

PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING  
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PRATT AND WHITNEY J75 ENGINE WHICH IS INSTALLED IN THE F-105 AIRCRAFT.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: DOWNING, DONALD WILLIAM  
RANK: CAPTAIN, U.S. AIR FORCE  
DATE OF BIRTH: 17 APRIL 1934  
RACE: CAUCASIAN  
HEIGHT: 1.73 METERS  
WEIGHT: 77.0 KILOGRAMS  
HAIR: BROWN  
EYES: BLUE

NAME: RAYMOND, PAUL DARWIN  
RANK: FIRST LIEUTENANT, U.S. AIR FORCE  
DATE OF BIRTH: 10 JANUARY 1943  
RACE: CAUCASIAN  
HEIGHT: 1.75 METERS  
WEIGHT: 72.5 KILOGRAMS  
HAIR: BROWN  
EYES: BLUE



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## TỜ TƯỜNG THUẬT

Vào ngày mùng 5 tháng 9 năm 1967, Đại úy DONALD W. DOWNING và Trung úy PAUL D. RAYMOND là phi hành đoàn trên máy bay chiến đấu kiểu F-4C ( số hiệu 63-7547) trong biên đội gồm có hai máy bay có nhiệm vụ trinh sát vũ trang ban đêm. Trong khi làm nhiệm vụ, các phi hành viên khác trong biên đội trông thấy một hình cầu lửa rơi xuống đất trong vùng phụ cận ở tọa độ YE021007, cách Đồng Hới khoảng chừng 45 cây số về phía Nam-Đông Nam và cách Thủy Liên Thương hai cây số về phía Tây Bắc, tỉnh Quảng Bình. Ngay bây giờ họ cố liên lạc với Đại úy DOWNING nhưng không nghe trả lời nào cả. Họ bay vòng quanh khu vực nhiệm vụ nhưng không thấy dù và không nghe tín hiệu cấp cứu điện tử nào cả.

Vào ngày 25 tháng 8 năm 1993, một đội hỗn hợp đi xã Sen Thuy, huyện Lệ Thủy, tỉnh Quảng Bình để điều tra trường hợp này. Đội phỏng vấn ông Lê Mau Viên mà cung cấp thông tin trực tiếp về máy bay phản lực bị rơi trong đêm trong năm 1967. Chiếc máy bay, đang cháy, bị tan nát hoàn toàn khi rơi xuống đất. Ông Viên không nghe gì về xác chết hoặc vật dụng cá nhân nào được phát hiện ở chỗ rơi. Đội đi chỗ rơi (YE02400098) và dùng máy dò kim loại tìm thấy các mảnh kim loại nhỏ và cao su bị cháy. Sự phân tích theo sau về các đồ được thu ở chỗ rơi cho biết là các đồ đó không liên quan đến trường hợp này. Bốn mảnh xác máy bay có liên quan đến một động cơ kiểu J75 được hãng Pratt and Whitney sản xuất mà được đặt trong máy bay kiểu F-105.

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Sau đây là những chi tiết liên quan:

Họ và tên: DOWNING, DONALD WILLIAM

Cấp bậc: Đại úy, Không quân Hoa Kỳ

Ngày sinh: 17 tháng 4 năm 1934

Chủng tộc: Da trắng

Chiều cao: 1 thước 73

Cân nặng: 77 kí

Màu tóc: Nâu

Màu mắt: Xanh

Họ và tên: RAYMOND, PAUL DARWIN

Cấp bậc: Trung úy, Không quân Hoa Kỳ

Ngày sinh: 10 tháng 1 năm 1943

Chủng tộc: Da trắng

Chiều cao: 1 thước 75

Cân nặng: 72 kí 5

Màu tóc: Nâu

Màu mắt: Xanh